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VIA E-MAIL

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SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO APRIL 11, 2017 MEETING

Dear Ms. Adams:

I appreciate you, (b) (6) (via phone) meeting with me and my staff on Tuesday April 11, 2017 to discuss GET Engineering Inc.'s (GET) responses to my January 13, 2017 Show Cause Letter (SCL).

As we discussed, as the Suspension and Debarment Official (SDO) for the Department of the Navy (DON), I am primarily interested in whether GET is presently responsible. As I indicated at our meeting, and in my SCL, I am concerned that GET's leadership does not fully understand the rules that they must know for me to consider GET a responsible contractor. In particular, there are several rules that establish preferential treatment in the award of contracts to certain businesses entities based on socioeconomic status. GET's leadership should be familiar with these rule because GET is currently holding itself out as a Woman-Owned Small Business (WOSB), as defined in 13 C.F.R. 127. The fact that GET has had several male CEOs over the last five years and changed its WOSB status in the System for Award Management (SAM) twice over the last three years indicates to me that GET's leadership does not understand these rules.

As I requested at our meeting, please submit a letter to me explaining why GET is presently responsible. In your letter, I encourage you to address the following:

- <u>Training Plan</u>. Address what training senior employees such as you, and any other employees, will undertake to better understand rules and regulations for government contractors.
- Contracting Advice. Include a discussion of plans to consult outside advisors when necessary or for hiring new employees with expertise in government contracting.

- Reps. and Certs. Describe GET's plan for submitting accurate representations and certifications regarding its Woman Owned Small Business (WOSB) status, and more generally for making accurate representations about its WOSB status, going forward.
- Remedial Action. Describe any remedial action that GET is going to undertake or has
 recently undertaken to correct its WOSB status, and to accurately represent its status to
 Government agencies and government contractors.

I will consider failure to submit a timely and complete response to this request negatively and I will use it as a factor in a potential proposed debarment action.

Please submit written materials in response this request by May 11, 12017 (i.e., thirty days the date of our meeting). Electronic submission by email is encouraged, provided that you confirm receipt. Questions and materials should be addressed to (b) (6). Assistant Counsel; Address: Acquisition Integrity Office, 720 Kennon Street SE, Bldg. 36, Rm. 214, Washington Navy Yard, DC 20374-5012; Email: (b) (6).

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